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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Masahiko Sugimoto

Serial No.: 10/822,003 Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: April 12, 2004 Examiner: Sean T. Motsinger

For: **IMAGE CHARACTERISTIC PORTION EXTRACTION METHOD,
COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM, AND DATA COLLECTION AND
PROCESSING DEVICE**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: